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Hamlin Marine Killed In Action March 19

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Hale received a message from the War Department on Thursday of last week that their son, Private First Class Charles Nathan Hale, of the United States Marine Corps, was "killed in action 19 March 1945 at Iwo Jima Volcano Islands in the performance of his duty and service of his country."

Young Hale entered the service in June 1943 and trained at San Diego, Oceanside, and Camp Pendleton. He was at home on leave about eight months ago, and went overseas a short time after returning to his base. He was 19 years of age at the time of his death.

Nathan was unable to tell where he was stationed overseas until he landed on Iwo Jima, when he told his parents that he had been on the island about three or four days. In another, perhaps the last letter he ever wrote, he stated that he had been fighting there for ten days and "he had come through OK." In every letter written from Iwo Jima, he asked the parents to keep praying for him and his buddies, and he added, "I've prayed to Him and He's answered every prayer."

Survivors include the parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Hale of Hamlin; five brothers, J. B. Hale of Portland, Ore.; V. E. Hale of Hondo, Texas; Arrie Hale, Abilene; Pvt. Ivan Leroy Hale, stationed in West Africa with the ground forces of the Air Corps; and Eugene Hale, of Hamlin; and one sister, Mrs. Lenora Mamaux, Hamlin, whose husband is serving with the armed forces in Germany.

Funeral Rites For Mrs. Sarah Brown

Funeral services were held at the Afton Cemetery, Saturday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock, for Mrs. Sarah Brown who died at her home in Stonewall County, Thursday night, April 5, at 10:00 o'clock. Services were conducted by Rev. Martin, pastor of the Roby Methodist Church, and burial was in Afton Cemetery.

Mrs. Brown was 75 years of age, and for the past four years had suffered from rheumatism and had to use a wheel chair. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

Surviving are the husband, Clem Brown, for sons, W. A. Brown of Plasterco, Ellis, Willard, and Clem Brown, Jr., of Houston; and four daughters, Mrs. M. I. Clayton of Houston, Mrs. Wiley Jones of Woodson, Mrs. C. P. Rowe of Hot Springs, Ark., and Mrs. Sallie Hall of Oregon.

Mrs. Ina Tims was over from Abilene Wednesday and Thursday to visit relatives before she goes to McKinney, Texas, to take work in the Ashburn General Hospital. She has been with the Camp Berkeley Hospital the past three years. Mrs. Tims has not heard from her son, Corporal Roy E. Tims, since last February. He is a prisoner of the Japs in Thailand. Roy was one of the first Hamlin men to go against the Japs in Java.

TO BROADCAST OVER KRLD

Each Saturday at noon, Station KRLD will send out the voice of Sgt. Elbert Haling, the original Suburban Editor. This Saturday noon is his first program. Listen in on his unique broadcast.

Editor and Mrs. Bowen Pope's only granddaughter, little Miss Virginia Ann Hinkle, of Midland, made her first visit to Hamlin last Saturday and Sunday. She was chaperoned by her mother and brother, Harry Bowen Hinkle, who gladly yielded front place attention to the little lady. Really she favors her grandpa, quite a bit, but she will likely grow out of it.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Reynolds and little son, Glenn, of Clovis, N. M., and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Reynolds and little daughter, Arline, of Grier, N. M., were here last week end to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Reynolds, and other relatives.

DR. JOE W. McCRARY

—DENTIST—

Res. 361-W Office 341
Hours: 9 A. M. — 5 P. M.

Hamlin Boy Returns From Jap Prison Camps



CPL. NORMAN GILBERT

Corporal Norman Curtis Gilbert arrived home Thursday, April 6, exactly 49 months after he left in 1941 to enlist in the Army and volunteer for foreign duty. He survived bloody Bataan, the infamous Death March, the horrors of four prison camps, starvation and disease to return to his parents' farm home four miles south of Hamlin, without fanfare or definite notice to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Gilbert.

Curtis had planned to arrive by bus and ride "on out the highway to the road turning off to the house and then walk it"—he's rather surprised at the great concern of both friends and strangers over his safe return and the lime-light he's sharing with other war heroes. He wired his parents that he would be home Thursday about 3:00—not signifying A. M. or P. M., nor the means of travel. So he was astounded to find a group of his family and friends waiting when the bus stopped in Hamlin.

No words can ever describe the feelings that welled up in the hearts of the son and the parents, who had suffered with him through the long uncertain months, at that reunion after four years and one month. As the mother walked toward her son, Curtis' first words were, "Now, Mama, don't you cry!" And Mrs. Gilbert, in relating the meeting, said, "I didn't. I just swallowed it."

With no visible ill effects of his suffering at the hands of the Japs, he came home to find things greatly changed. The most marked changes he notices in his little sister, a pretty 15-year-old brunette, as he explained, "When I left, Fay was just about so high and was wearing her hair in pigtails. Now, look at her."

It's been almost open house at the Gilbert farm home since Curtis arrived, with friends and neighbors calling and the married children visiting. Of course each one has questions he wants to ask, and even though the Dad, sisters and brothers-in-law have heard the questions and answers several times over, one is always ready to nudge closer to Curtis, apologizing, "Go ahead; I just want to listen. He might tell something I haven't heard." Mrs. Gilbert is kept busy being hostess to the callers; yet, she keeps an eye open to see that the baby sister, Creida Jane, 7, doesn't worry Curtis to death "just loving him all the time." They are all trying to help him forget that he's "been through hell and back."

It is remarkable—the calmness and composure of this 22-year-old as he tells of his experiences, nev-

er dramatizing a single detail and always minimizing anything that might add to his glory. He declares, "I haven't done anything. I fought only four months, and there are guys over there who've been on the fighting lines three years and longer. I've got to go back and help them."

Most remarkable, however, is his amazing memory of dates, which he imprinted upon his mind during almost interminable days and nights. He said, "During this time, we never once doubted that the Americans and MacArthur would return...but we never once believed that the Japs would let us leave the camp alive."

His favorite subject is the Filipino guerillas with whom he lived during six months—lacking three days—after his escape from the No. 1 Cabanatuan Prison camp, and for whom he has the greatest admiration. From them, he learned much about warfare and intense respect for their bravery and fighting ability. And if he hadn't grown a bit careless, he probably would have never been recaptured, and if he hadn't been gone so long that his captors lost his papers, he probably would have never come home alive to tell his story, which really begins shortly after his 18th birthday when he was sworn into the Army March 6, 1941, at Dallas, Texas, and got his parents' consent to volunteer for foreign service.

He left immediately for Schofield Barracks in Hawaii where he took basic training with the 3d Engineers. He went to Manila in July with the 809th Engineers, and in November was transferred to the newly-organized Company C of 803d Aviation Engineers and was at work on the runways of Nichols Field when the Pearl Harbor attack came.

Clark Field was put out of action early in the battle of the Philippines and the Nips centered their hellish fire on Nichols Field. The engineers were credited with downing three Jap planes with only machine guns and rifles.

When the orders came through to withdraw to Bataan, the engineers had yet to carry out demolition work and Curtis was assigned to a demolition squad of 32 engineers who were to destroy supply and ammunition dumps at Nichols, Nielson, and Zablau airfields, and at Ft. McKinley. They were to complete the job and be at San Fernando by midnight on Dec. 31, 1941, but if they failed, were to go on to Manila and turn in as civilians. They arrived 30 minutes late but decided to try to make it, and aided by Filipino Scouts, com-

Standing Committees Announced For Hamlin Chamber of Commerce

Standing committees for the Hamlin Chamber of Commerce for the year 1945 have been appointed by the President, Haskell W. Carter, and are announced as follows:

Membership and Finance: G. R. Bennett, chairman; B. M. Brundage, and W. L. Boyd.

Agriculture and Livestock: L. H. McBride, chairman; Holly Toler, John D. Ferguson, Irvin Sanders, Curtis Martin, F. B. Moore, and Tom Teague.

Highway Committee: John Ed Day, chairman; W. C. Russell, Joe L. Culbertson, Paul Bryan, and O. C. Gilbert.

Publicity Committee: Tate May, chairman; Bowen Pope, and Mrs. B. S. Ferguson.

Recreation and Sports: I. R. Witt, chairman; O. D. Roland, Art Carmichael, R. Y. Barrow, A. Hudson, and R. W. McCurdy.

Civic, Sanitation and Health: A. Spencer, chairman; Dr. Claud H. Chastain, Arlene Morgan, Z. H. Bonner, Mrs. Homer Raney, and Joe A. Simpson.

Trade Extension: J. S. Inzer, chairman; George Malouf, Claud Lancaster, Fred Smith, W. C. Russell, Jesse Young, E. C. Feagan, Sam Wilcox, C. R. Reynolds, and Frank Waggoner.

Entertainment Committee: R. H. McCurdy, chairman; H. Albritton, and W. H. Eyssen, Jr.

Scrap and Salvage: J. B. Terrell, chairman; Walter Snead, and M. S. Johnson.

manded by American officers, they managed to get safely to Bataan about 8:00 A. M. Jan. 1, 1942. They were the last American to leave Manila.

On Bataan, the engineers began building airfields for the few remaining planes and roads for the motor vehicles. They worked under constant fire and on April 7, 1942, Cpl. Gilbert, already suffering from malaria, was wounded and was sent to hospital No. 1 on Bataan. The island fell April 9, 1942.

The Japs took more than half the patients of the hospital—all who were able to walk—including Gilbert, and started them on the March of Death which began at Mariveles and ended at Camp O'Donnell.

The most cruel, ruthless, indignities conceived by human mind were heaped upon that group of haggard American soldiers, as they were made to march five days and six nights without food or water, or rest. Gilbert, suffering malaria and wounds, was forced to march by night and sit in a broiling Philippine sun by day without a hat or other protection. Artesian wells lined the roads along which they marched and some Americans were shot as they broke rank to run for water. They were left to be run over by trucks and tanks. Many of them were bayoneted by Japanese soldiers.

The natives threw baked camotes (similar to our sweet potato) to the starved, sick Americans and were killed for it. Many a hero of Bataan was shot in cold blood because the Japs caught him reaching for food.

Curtis said, however, he got along better than most of the prisoners, as he was beaten "only a little" en route. He knows he must have gotten some water along the way or else he wouldn't have survived. "We lost more men," he said, "in those five days than in all the fighting before."

They marched in columns of four with Jap guards every three or four men. The guards were changed about every two hours as they passed Jap camps along the road. At San Fernando they were herded into box-cars and taken to Capas. The cars were half the size of American box-cars and 100 men were crowded into each with standing room only.

They walked from Capas to Camp O'Donnell arriving there April 16 or 17—Curtis isn't sure which—and on June 1, they were transferred to prison camp No. 1 near Cabanatuan. Sanitation conditions at the first camp were wretched, but the second was an improvement as it had been a Filipino army camp. Also the prisoners realized that their survival depended largely on keeping down disease and they tried every way possible to keep the camp clean.

All they were fed was soup

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Hamlin Boy Awarded The Purple Heart



PLATOON SGT. W. A. BROWN
United States Marine Corps

MARINE BARRACKS, KLAMATH FALLS, ORE., March 31.—Marine Platoon Sergeant Walter A. Brown, of Hamlin, Texas, who took command of an infantry platoon on Saipan after his lieutenant was killed, has been decorated with the Purple Heart for wounds received in that action.

Brown was hit in the face by shell fragments during a Jap counterattack the Marines' first night on the beach. An artillery shell dropped near where he was lying and the explosion also burst his ear drums.

The lieutenant in charge of the 21-year-old Leatherneck's Platoon had been killed that morning and Brown automatically assumed command of the outfit. He didn't let his injuries put him out of action, and led his men through the Saipan and Tinian fights.

During his 25 months in the Pacific, the Hamlin Marine also fought on Guadalcanal and Tarawa. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brown, Route 2, Hamlin, Texas, and has been in the service since July 1942.

Presentation of his award was made by Col. George Van Orden, commanding officer of this post. (Released by Public Relations Office, Atlanta, Ga.)

Notice

My father, Dr. Q. D. Gould, of Stamford, will be in my office each Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

Hours: 9:00 A. M. — 5:30 P. M.
The same service always found in this office may be expected.

DR. Q. DON GOULD (24-4)

BROTHER OF HAMLIN WOMEN IS PRISONER OF GERMANY

Pvt. James H. Pettit, brother of Mrs. Link Greenway and Mrs. Lester Scott of Hamlin, who was reported missing in action Dec. 21, 1944, is a prisoner of war of Germany, according to a card dated Jan. 10, 1945, which the family received from him this week. However, no official notice has been received from the War Department.

Pvt. Pettit went overseas in Nov. 1944 and served with the 106th Infantry. He entered service three years ago this June.

His wife and two and on half year old daughter and his mother, Mrs. J. R. Pettit, live in Rotan.

NOTICE ALL EX-SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

You are cordially invited to a bean feed, Monday Evening at 8:00 o'clock, at the Lake west of town. Come, bring the entire family and have a good time. Plenty to eat and a good time is promised you. We will be looking for you.

THE LEGION.

Notice

I am representing the Fort Worth Monument and Granite Co. in Hamlin, but the next few weeks, I will be out of town. If interested, call, collect, Bob Turner, Rule, Texas.

MRS. L. S. MAGEE. (p)

Miss LaRue Kite, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Kite, graduated from a Teletype school in Springfield, Mo., on March 22. She is now with the Western Union at Weslaco, Texas.

Flash!!

President Roosevelt
Died at 3:35 P. M.
Thursday, April 12
at Warm Springs, Ga.

Truman took the Oath
at 6:09 P. M., Thurs.

FLASH!

General Eisenhower is expected to announce cessation of the War in Europe any day, now.

Memorial Services For Frank Matecha, Jr., To Be At Tuxedo, Sunday

At 8:30 o'clock, Sunday night, at the Tuxedo Baptist Church final memorial services will be held for the late T/5 Frank J. Matecha, Jr., who lost his life in Germany, November 16, 1944. The Stamford American Legion, with Roy Duke directing, will conduct the services, and Rev. Davis, of Abilene, will be the minister in charge.

This young soldier, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Matecha, was born near Tuxedo, March 29, 1919. He grew to manhood in that community, and enlisted as a volunteer, in the Army, March 28, 1942, and was placed in the Third Armored Division of the First Army. He was a member of Hdq. 2nd Bat, 33 Regt., and trained at Ft. Knox, Ky., Camp Polk, La., maneuvered in California, was sent to Camp Pickett, Va. Indian Gap Military Reservation, Pa., and went overseas Sept. 5, 1943, stopping in England before seeing combat action. He went down as an honored and loved soldier in the area between Aachen and Cologne, Germany.

Survivors are his parents and two sisters, Mrs. Frances Petersen and Miss Albie Matecha, both living in the parental home. (Mrs. Petersen's husband was killed in a plane crash a few months ago.)

A Tribute From His Officer

Below is reproduced a letter that Mrs. Matecha received from her son's Commanding Officer:

"3 December 1944
"Mrs. Albie M. Matecha
"Rt. 1, Hamlin, Texas
"Dear Mrs. Matecha:
"Your son, Frank, who had been serving with this unit since April 1942 and during its campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, and Germany, was killed in action on 16 November 1944.

"You have the deepest sympathy of the officers and men of this unit in your bereavement. Frank was held in high regard by all members of the command; he was a splendid soldier, and an outstanding character. His loss is deeply felt by his many friends throughout the unit.

"The Protestant chaplain officiated at the burial services of your son, Technician 5th Grade Frank J. Matecha, Jr., 38081515, which took place in Belgium, and where the grave is located.

"As regimental commander, having in my charge many men, I can fully understand your grief and how deeply you feel the loss of your son, and I wish to express my heartfelt sympathy to you in this time of your sorrow. Your son was a brave and courageous soldier, and his actions in battle upheld the highest traditions of the military service. His loss to the regiment is greatly felt by all, though his actions will long be remembered and will serve as an inspiration to those with whom he served.

"Yours most sincerely,
"JOHN C. WELBORN,
"Colonel, 33d Armd. Regt.,
"Commanding."

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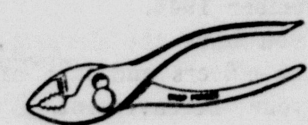
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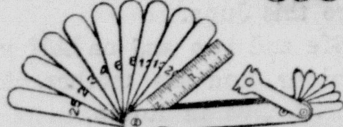
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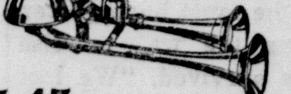
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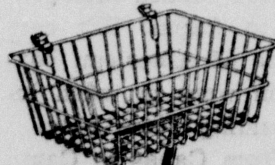


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made from sweet potato peeling, a weed similar to our water lily, and very little rice. The soup was a vile green mixture not fit to eat. A bit of fish was the protein which was provided once every 60 days.

Fifteen days after arriving at the Cabanatuan camp, Gilbert, suffering from malaria and dysentery, decided to make a break for freedom rather than just die there. It was a chance; for three days before, three men had been caught trying to escape. They were beaten into unconsciousness and tied in the sun with their hands behind them, and left to die. The area around the prison fence was well lighted, but beyond that was tall grass. On the night of June 17, Gilbert slipped through the fence and crawled across the lighted area to the tall grass without a shot being fired in his direction.

The Japs hunted him for two weeks, and then to make sure that there were no more escapes, divided the prisoners into groups and told them that if any escaped all others would be killed.

Gilbert soon made contact with the guerillas and took to the mountains. They moved from one village to another, organizing the natives into guerilla bands of 10 to 12 men. They were assisted by a Filipino lieutenant who had been trained in field artillery in the United States. He later died of malaria. Hundreds of bands sprang up and took to the mountains.

Gilbert's group began circling the island to the south, fighting their way out of traps and against great odds. It was during this period that Curtis learned the greatest respect for the Filipino and his bravery and courage. Their supplies were replenished by natives who would go to Bataan and dig up ammunition that had been buried there before the fall of the island. Also they captured Jap supply trucks and raided outposts. Their "work" carried them on around the island to the mountains to the north.

They ventured into the lowlands about 14 miles north of the camp from which Gilbert had made his daring escape in June, and on the morning of Dec. 14, awoke to find themselves surrounded by eleven truckloads of Japs—50 or 60 men to a truck. There was nothing else to do but surrender, and Gilbert's freedom was ended just three days short of six months. During this time, Curtis gained weight and strength that probably helped carry him through the months of horror that followed.

When he was recaptured, he thought surely that he would be killed. "I still don't know why they didn't," he said, "because they killed men for a lot less."

Perhaps the thing that saved him was that his records at Cabanatuan had been lost—or purposely destroyed by a Jap prison official to save himself from a little routine called "hari kari." The Japs beat him and tortured him for weeks "investigating" and trying to make him reveal information. They told him when he escaped and from what camp, and thinking they really knew, he admitted it. However, when they could find no records and Jap officials at Cabanatuan denied his ever being there, they thought he had lied and beat him for that.

Then the Japanese officials began "court martial" procedure against Gilbert as a criminal of the Japanese Imperial Government. The "procedure" consisted of an interpreter telling Gilbert the crimes of which he was accused: (1) escape, (2) disturbing the peace in Japanese-occupied territory, (3) spreading false propaganda against the Japanese government, and stating his "sentence" to three years in the old Bilibid military penitentiary at Manila. He was taken to Bilibid February 15, 1943.

Life was worse there. Eight to ten prisoners were placed in a cell ten feet square. The only ventilation and light came in through a few inch cracks between four by fours that barred the small window. They had to sit cross-legged, Jap fashion, from 6:30 A. M. until 9:30 P. M., and were not permitted to lean back against the wall or against each other, move forward, or talk.

Gilbert said, "We could stand the physical agony, but it was the mental torture that was awful." One man in prison with him did go mad and was taken to an institution.

There were no sanitary facilities in the cells, and the men did not get baths. All were sick, suffering at one time or another with malaria, dysen-

tery, wet and dry beriberi, and pellagra. They had no tobacco and only rice soap to eat.

The Jap guards could see into the prison cells, but the Americans could not see out. If they moved or talked, they were taken out and beaten. They got so they didn't mind the beatings so much because it gave them a chance to stretch and exercise their tired, weakened muscles. However, the Nips soon caught on to that, and instead, cut off their food for three days if they violated the rules. That worked because the men were already starving.

At night they slept on the hard floor, with only a blanket and a pillow for a bed. They had to stay on the floor until morning when the sitting routine began again.

Only seldom did they get any exercise; then it was so severe it was almost killing. They were taken out into the scorching sun, bare footed and clad only in shorts, and forced to run around the flag pole until at least half of the men fell out. That was the only time Gilbert passed out.

Curtis stayed there until May 6, 1944, when he was transferred to the regular prison camp where he received the first and only medical care given during all his imprisonment. He was nearly blind and suffering terribly from malnutrition. All of his hair had come out because of vitamin deficiency. Scurvy caused his gums to slough off and his teeth became loose.

Today his teeth are good, with only two being decayed, and his hair has come back thick and dark.

Life in the hospital of the regular prison camp at Manila was better, and Gilbert received treatment and care at the hands of American doctors, although he was still "isolated." One shipment of Red Cross medical supplies came through in 1943, and if it hadn't been for that, none would have survived. Many more could have been saved, he said, if more supplies had been delivered.

The prisoners learned Jan. 17 of this year, through the guerillas that the American forces had landed. Then they could hear the fighting, but they had no way of learning how far the troops had advanced.

Then on Feb. 4, 1945, he was liberated from the prison at Manila by that heroic group of men of advance units of the First Cavalry Division. When they were racing back to the American lines, the Nips almost cut them off, and the freed prisoners took up guns and fought. Curtis modestly explained, "That's why I'm entitled to wear the Liberation of the Philippines ribbon—the bronze star is for the battle of Manila."

With other prisoners, Curtis was flown from Luzon to Leyte, where he boarded a ship and came, via New Guinea, to San Francisco to Letterman General Hospital. It was while he was there that he was awarded the Purple Heart and the Good Conduct Medal.

"But that's what I'm proudest of," he said, pointing with pride to the Blue Ribbon with two oak leaf clusters on his right breast. "My outfit was cited three times by the President for what 'they' did."

Curtis looks well. Only his family and his closest friends note the changes. At his release from Bilibid, he weighed 110 pounds—now he tips the scales at 164. He's one and one-half inch shorter than he was when captured, although he has already gained one-half inch in height since his liberation. Yes, he looks older than the 18-year-old boy who left in 1941—he is a calm, poised man who has lived many years in four long years.

En route to Ashburn General Hospital at McKinney, Texas, Curtis got a short delay en route to stop with his parents. He reported to the hospital Tuesday of this week and after a check-up there, he will be eligible for a 50-day furlough with a 30-day extension if he desires it.

He expects to spend 30 days here with his parents, and the remainder of the time, he will visit families of his buddies who will never come back. Curtis said, "That last will be the hardest thing I'll ever go through—but I've got to do it."

Of the 198 men in Gilbert's company, he knows of only three who have come back. At the last count there were only 34 known living and missing; the rest were dead. Included in that group were some among the 1,690 on the Japan-bound ship that was sunk at sea with only 51

About Soldiers--Sailors

Pfc. William Harrison arrived in Hamlin on Wednesday of last week from Iceland, where he had served 15 months in the Signal Corps of the Army Air Forces. He took his basic training in Florida two years ago. He has 45 days at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harrison. He will report to Fort Bliss and he expects later it will be "back to Iceland."

S&S

Sgt. A. L. (Moon) Mullins, of the Frederick, Okla., Air Field, came down Saturday on a week end pass to visit his father-in-law, G. A. Meeks. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mullins, reside in Stamford. Sgt. Mullins has been in service for three years, and for all of it except four months, he has been stationed in Oklahoma. He is a Crew Chief Mechanic.

S&S

Pvt. Jerry Lynn King, who was wounded in the leg on Dec. 9, 1944, in Germany, has written that he would probably return to the front this week. He has been in a hospital and recently was granted a 7-day furlough before being sent back to the fighting lines. He has the highest praise for the Red Cross for helping make his leave a pleasant one. Pvt. King is serving with the 84th Division and has been overseas since Sept. 1944. He is a brother of Roy R. King, of near Radium, and a son of Mrs. L. E. King of Avoca.

S&S

Hazel V. Adkins, Sp. (G) 2/c, arrived Wednesday of last week from the Naval Air Station at San Diego, Calif., to spend a 7-day leave here with her sister, Mrs. Delma D. Sheldorne, and other relatives. She was accompanied by two friends, also in the WAVES and stationed at the San Diego base, Evelyn Wagner, Sp. (G) 2/c, of Rochester, N. Y., and Betty Schafer, S 1/c, (AMM), of Pasadena, Calif. Mrs. Wagner's husband, M/Sgt. Clifford Wagner, is serving with the Army in England. Miss Adkins and Mrs. Wagner have been in the service 18 months and Miss Schafer has served six months. All three are very enthusiastic about their work in the Navy.

S&S

Mrs. Leon Nichols is sending the Herald to her brother-in-law, G. W. Nichols, EM 2/c, who is with the Navy in the Pacific, so that he can keep up with his Hamlin friends in service.

News of Servicemen

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urvivors.

Gilbert said that he saw another Hamlin boy, J. D. Hays, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hays, since reported dead, at Camp O'Donnell. Hays told him that Eral Ray, also a Hamlin boy, was there, but he did not see him. Ray is a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Ray of Hawley. Prior to the outbreak of war, he saw Sgt. Winifred (Sonny) Joiner, son of Mrs. A. S. Joiner. Winifred is now a prisoner in Japan.

The Gilberts were notified May 19, 1942, that Curtis was missing in action. There was no further word about him until Sept. 19, 1943, when they learned that he was a prisoner of war. During his imprisonment, he was not allowed to send any cards nor to receive any mail because his status was different from a prisoner of war because of his escape. No reading matter of any kind was given the prisoners, except about two months before liberation, a tiny Testament from "somewhere" began to circulate in the hospital ward of the regular prison at Manila. All of them read it several times over.

On Feb. 19 of this year came a card from Curtis to his parents saying he was well, and two days later came the official notice from the War Department. Then on March 2 came the first letter from him since December 1941.

Mrs. Gilbert said she never gave up hope, nor believed that Curtis was dead, although at times she was awfully blue and disheartened. "If my son had been dead," she said, "I knew that something inside would have told me—that I would have felt it some way. Now he's home safe and we have everything to be thankful for." A happy reunion—that's too mild to describe the gathering at the Gilbert home.

Curtis has five sisters and one brother, Mrs. Bill Carrigan and Mrs. Benson Payne of Hamlin; Mrs. W. A. Crislip and Travis Gilbert, of Sausalito, Calif.; and Marion Fay and Creida Jane, who live with their parents.

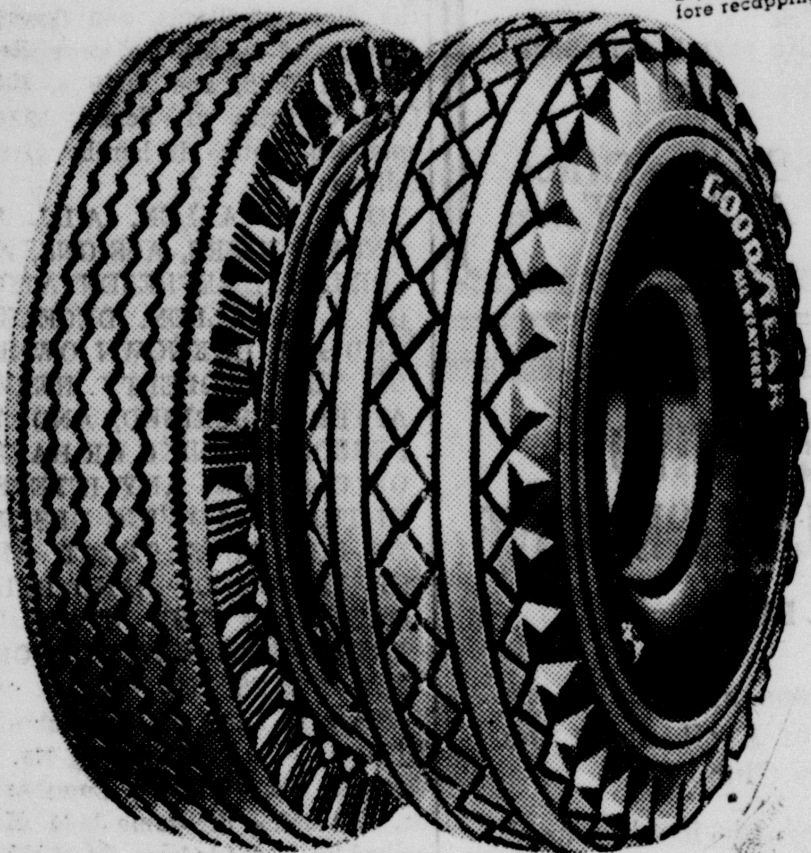
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Mrs. A. J. Bentley, Mrs. W. T. Howard, and Mrs. Leslie Cole, of Slaton, were week end guests of Mrs. L. C. Bonds and Mrs. Ed Bailey.

They were guests at a dinner party in the home of Mrs. Don Hymer on Friday evening, where a delicious dinner was served followed by games of bridge and gin rummy.

On Saturday, they were entertained with a luncheon by Mrs. Ed Bailey, mother of Mrs. Cole, and on Saturday afternoon, Mrs. Bonds honored them with a party.

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Celebrated Eightieth Birthday April 11

Mrs. Lou Ervin, now of Merkel, but formerly of Hamlin, was 80 years of age April 11, and all of her children except one, Jim Burfeind of Guthrie, Texas, were present at the home of a daughter, Mrs. J. W. Savage in Clyde last Sunday with Mrs. Ervin as the honor guest.

The children present included Mrs. J. C. Burchell of Carlsbad, N. M.; Pete Burfeind of Merkel; Fred Burfeind of Mary Neal; Albert Burfeind of Dallas; and Mrs. T. F. Campbell of Hamlin.

The grandchildren present were W. B. Odor, wife and son, Jimmy, of Grand Prairie; Roger Lee, Vernon, and J. W. Burfeind of Merkel; Wesley, Lester, and George Campbell, and Mrs. A. S. Stewart of Hamlin; and Mrs. James Milsap of Abilene.

Other relatives present were Alvin, Bobbie, Johnnie, and W. F. Stewart; Ruby Fay and Mina Fay Campbell; and Cecil Milsap.

Special friends present were Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Boyer and son, Lawrence; Mrs. Icy Coynfield and Clarence Jones of Abilene; and Mrs. Christine Shirley and children of Merkel.

Mmes. Tate May, Art Carmichael, John D. Ferguson, O. D. Roland, and Jim Howard King attended the meeting of First District Texas Federated Club Women, in Fort Worth, Wednesday.

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You will note that the Coltharp Food Store has a new market man, but who ever heard of Rowe Brown being "new" in Hamlin? Mr. and Mrs. Brown are back home to "behave" and stay with a good town. Rowe comes in handy to take a load off Garland Coltharp who has been going long and fast hours. Austin has lost a good family to "Friendly Hamlin."

Keep moving in a rut long enough and you'll dig your own grave.

**Miss Bernice Donaghey
Weds California Man**

Wedding vows were recited on Wednesday afternoon, April 4, at the home of the pastor of the Hamlin Church of Christ, by Miss Bernice Donaghey and Private Cidon Dewey Long, of Redlands, Calif., with Minister Mardell Lynch reading the ceremony.

The bride wore a navy sheer crepe dress with white tassel trim at the shoulder. Her accessories were white. Mrs. Long graduated from Hamlin High School with the Class of 1944. She attended Draughon's Business College and has been employed as bookkeeper at Spencer Lumber Company. Private Long is serving in the Army and is stationed near Bakersfield, Calif.

Attending the ceremony were Verlus Smart, Pearl and Opal Smart, Alton and Leota Long, Ida Frances Robertson, and Maudie Beene.

Following the ceremony, a supper was served the wedding party at the home of J. G. Smart of the Neinda

The name Nebraska is of Indian origin and signifies "shallow water."

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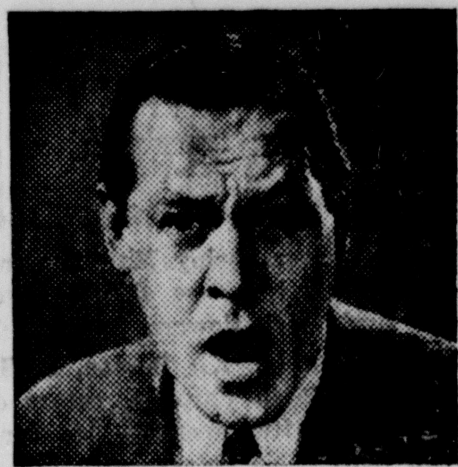
**'MEET ME
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With Tom Drake, Mary Astor,
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Marjorie Main

PLUS:
UNIVERSAL PRE-RELEASE
NEWS OF THE WORLD

Mrs. Alberta Magee, of Nolan, visited with Mrs. L. S. Magee from Sunday until Wednesday.

**"What a
terrible blow
to me!"**



"Here I thought I could get me a new car practically the day after V-Day."



"What a blow! Now I find out it may be V-Day plus maybe two or three years before I can get one."



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We are deeply grateful to our friends and neighbors for their many expressions of love and sympathy, when the sad news came that our son and brother had fallen in battle. Your sympathy helped in our grief, and we thank you more than words can express.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Teague, and Family.

Lewis Wilkinson, of Fort Worth, was here this week to visit his son, Ben Wilkinson, who has been in the Rotan hospital for more than four weeks. His condition is improving.

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SYLVESTER NEWS ITEMS

By Merrena Vaughan

April showers bring May flowers—that being true, we should have some lovely May flowers.

Pvt. Erwin (B. K.) Beeson, U. S. M. C., of South Carolina, returned to his base after spending his furlough visiting his sisters, Miss Joyce Beeson and Mrs. Frank Barina.

Cpl. and Mrs. Freddie Kiser, of Hollywood, Calif., are spending their furlough in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Kiser and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Josey.

Pvt. C. D. Carroll and family and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Caskey spent a few hours Monday in the J. M. Montgomery home.

Ross Douglass, CM 2/c, and Mrs. Douglass are the proud parents of a daughter, born last week.

Cpl. and Mrs. Freddie Kiser and Mrs. A. L. Josey visited friends in

Abilene, Sunday afternoon, and stopped in Hawley Sunday night to hear Rev. T. M. Harrell.

Work has started on the building for Sylvester's frozen food lockers.

Pvt. Clarence Maberry and Pvt. Homer Vanover, of McCloskey Hospital, spent the week end in the J. P. Maberry home. Both boys are returned veterans.

Lee Roy Hulsey, S 3/c, has just completed boot training in San Diego, Calif., and is spending a leave here with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mauldin and family, of Dallas, spent the week end visiting friends and relatives.

Classified

WATER WELL DRILLING wanted. JESS WHITAKER, Phone 4331, ANSON, TEXAS. (23-2p)

HEGARI SEED—FOR SALE at \$3.00 per hundred pounds, at my place, east of New Lake. G. W. DRUMMOND. (23-2p)

See Me for City or Farm Loans. H. O. CASSLE

A PERFECT GIFT for the particular person. See the new line of Stationery at the HERALD OFFICE.

FOR SALE—Large, heavy cardboard, 30 x 44 inches, suitable for building needs. Five cents per sheet. THE HERALD OFFICE.

NEW GENERAL ELECTRIC Water Pump for sale. W. V. WALTON. (23-4p)

WANT TO CONTACT Someone who sands floors without the aid of electricity. LENNIE GREENWAY

LATE MODEL ROPER RANGE—for sale. Will use either butane or natural gas. If you need a good gas cooking range, this is your chance. See or address Box 656, Hamlin. J. B. BARRETT, Shell Pipeline. (p)

I still have some nice fresh Milk Cows, cash or credit.

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TWO RESIDENCES For Sale—in Hamlin. Close in. A bargain—good for homes or investment. See or address, MRS. B. M. WELLS, Hamlin, Texas (p)

292 Acres of Land, 7 miles from Hamlin, 257 acres in cultivation, two wells and windmills, a modern, almost new home, all modern convenience with built-in conveniences. Not many like this one. Can show it most any time. Price \$58.70 per acre.

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B. C. MAY, Section Foreman, Santa Fe, Hamlin, Texas. (p)

SIX ROOM, Modern Home, well located, price \$4250.00.

H. O. CASSLE

WANT TO BUY—75 laying hens. Leghorns—white or brown. See ROY R. KING, on the Harrison Farm, Rt. 3, Anson, Texas. (p)

SUDAN S.E.E.D.—State Tested and recleaned for sale at my farm, and at Albritton Food Store, Crow Bros., Model Grocery, and Joe Simpson's. E. C. DAVIS. (23-4p)

FOUR ROOM HOUSE—Will sell a very good 4-room house, about 2 miles from Hamlin at a bargain for cash. MORGAN MEEKS. (p)

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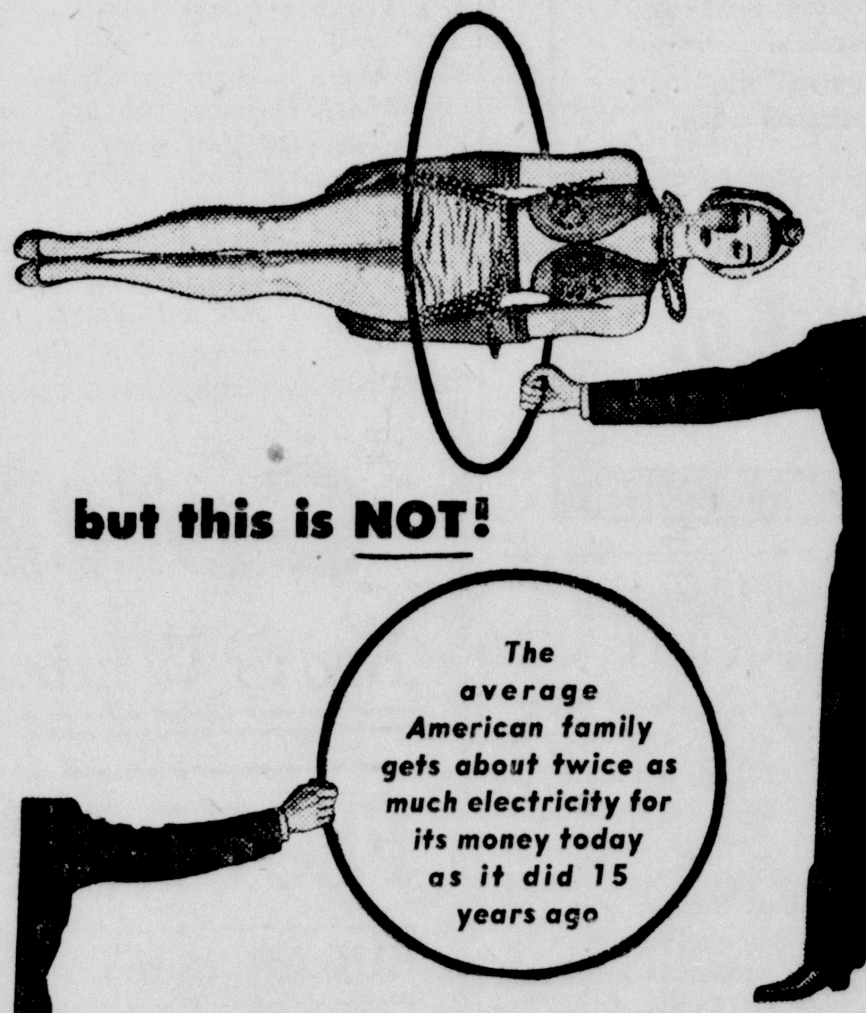
FOR OVERSEAS WAR RELIEF

1. The drive is on NOW. Collections in Hamlin will be made all during the month of April, under the sponsorship of the Hamlin Lions Club.
2. Urgently needed are all types of serviceable used winter and summer clothing for MEN, WOMEN, CHILDREN, and INFANTS. This includes:

Overcoats, topcoats, suits, dresses, blouses, shirts, skirts, jackets, pants, work clothes, gloves, underclothing, sleeping garments, all kinds of knit goods, robes, shawls, sweaters.

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COUNTY OF JONES:

In the name and by authority of the State of Texas, and County of Jones, and under the provisions of Articles 7342, and 7345 b, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as amended, notice is hereby given as follows:

TO J. A. ALLEN, ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS, AND/OR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES OF J. A. ALLEN, DECEASED, AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY HEREIN-AFTER DESCRIBED, AND ALL PERSONS OWNING OR HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LOT, LOTS, TRACT, AND/OR TRACTS OF LAND DELINQUENT TO THE STATE OF TEXAS AND COUNTY OF JONES FOR TAXES, TO-WIT:

Being 10 acres of land out of the BBB & C Survey, Survey No. 175, Abstract No. 99, Jones County, Texas, and being the same land as described in a deed from T. M. Hill to J. A. Allen, dated July 14, 1923, and recorded in Volume 119, page 315, Deed Records of Jones County, Texas, to which reference is here made for all purposes.

Which said lot, lots, tract, and/or tracts are delinquent for the following amounts, \$19.26 for State Taxes, and \$18.20 for County taxes, \$4.80 for Road District No. 1 Taxes, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, in the sum of \$20.15, and there is included in this suit all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law;

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the State of Texas, for itself and in behalf of Jones County and for the use and benefit of Jones County Road District No. 1, a municipal corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas, and being a political subdivision whose taxes are assessed and collected by the Assessor and Collector of Taxes of said county, as Plaintiff, against J. A. Allen, all the Unknown Heirs, Assigns, and/or Legal Representatives of J. A. Allen, deceased, and all Unknown Owners of the property hereinabove described as Defendants, in a certain suit styled The State of Texas vs. J. A. Allen, et al, for collection of said taxes, and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Jones County, Texas, 104th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 6759, and each and all parties to this suit shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file and which shall hereafter be filed in said cause by all other parties herein, and you are commanded, by service of this citation, which will be served by publication of this notice one time a week for three consecutive weeks prior to the return day hereof, to appear and defend such suit on the first day of the next term of the District Court of Jones County, State of Texas, to be held at the Court House thereof in the City of Anson, on the 3rd Monday in April, 1945, being the 16th day of April, A.D., 1945, and show cause why judgment shall not be rendered condemning said lot, lots, tract, and/or tracts, and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon, for taxes due the parties as set out above, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law, and all costs of this suit.

Witness, Wm. B. Teague, Clerk of the District Court of Jones County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Anson, Jones County, Texas, this 22nd day of March, A.D., 1945.

Wm. B. Teague, Clerk of District Court, Jones County, Texas, 104th Judicial District.

Issued this 22nd day of March, A.D., 1945.

Wm. B. Teague, Clerk of District Court, Jones County, Texas, 104th Judicial District. (3-80; 4-6-13)

'Think on these things'

THE FUTILITY OF SIN

No individual is ready to consider the utility of righteousness in a fair and favorable way until convinced of the futility of sin. If sin were a satisfactory way of life, it would be difficult to interest men in any other. The first step toward an appreciation of righteousness is an effective indictment of sin. It would be foolish to sow seed broadcast in virgin soil already taxed with thorns and thistles. Men must become dissatisfied with sin, and desire deliverance from its bondage, before they will lend a sympathetic ear to the description of the practical uses of righteousness.

Isaiah opened his remarkable book of prophecy with a withering and heart-searching indictment of Israel's rebellion, and the strain it had placed upon the forbearance of God. His grand invitation to the people of Israel to come and reason with their God about his abundant mercy was printed in raised letters of white against the background of the blackness of Israel's complete apostasy: "Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do well." (Isa. 1: 16-17). That is the necessary order. They must cease to do evil before they are in the attitude of heart to learn to do well. Something must be cleared away to make room for the things that are wholesome and useful.

THEY MISSED THEIR BUS

In terms of modern slang, the Israelites had missed their bus; and so has every man who trifles with the foolishness of sin. The Greek word often translated "sin" in the New Testament literally means "missing the mark." A study of the words "foolish" and "sinful" makes it manifest that the root idea of both is missing the goal—not merely missing the worthy goals of life, but often even missing the bait that sin offers.

Now folly and sin are close akin,

A common fault have they;

They miss their aim, and lose their claim,

And failure is their pay.

A fool's folly consists in sin, and it is foolish to be a sinner—it does not pay. God through the laws of life feeds both the fool and the sinner out of their own spoon. Men sin because they are deceived by appearances and false promises, their own evil desires fathering their gullibility. In sinning they bring too much, or else too little, or the wrong in kind. They shoot too far, or too short, or to one side of the target. They get there too soon, or too late, or not at all. Their rewards come measured in the same warped spoons in which they measured their responsibilities of life.

1. Missing the Mark. The foolish virgins missed the marriage feast. With them it was "too little and too late." The rich farmer missed the benefits of the period of comfortable retirement (Luke 12:20). The man who built his house upon the sand (Matt. 7:26-27) lost his investment. The man who failed to count the cost (Lk. 14:28-30) lost his capital and his prestige—his neighbors laughed him to scorn.

2. Some Get Too Much. They may get what they bargained for, but there is an over-plus to plague them. Eve obtained the knowledge, but there was sorrow and pain and death to boot. Lot received the advantage of the well-watered plains, but he found an evil influence added, which eventually spoiled the whole enterprise. There are many added charges before one attains the goal of sin. There is only one absolute good, to which no bitter is added: "THE BLESSING OF THE LORD, IT MAKETH RICH, AND HE ADDETH NO SORROW WITH IT." (Prov. 10:22). The only unmixed, tax-free joy is made available to men through righteousness.

3. Ashes of Disappointment. With the coveted prize in his hands, Judas found that it had suddenly turned to ashes. Not being able to face the prospect of living with himself, he went out and hanged himself. Multiplied thousands of men, having attained their goal of vengeance, without the courage to face the prospect of perpetual self-condemnation, have turned their weapons upon themselves. Judas got what he wanted, but discovered to his fatal embarrassment that he did not want it after all. And giving it back did not atone. It was too late for restitution. His undoing was already achieved.

4. Too Expensive. Others have lost what they had in reaching for more. The first man who ever sinned did that. His losses far outweighed his paltry gain. Even the thing gained was of dubious value. There is not one good thing in life that cannot be found in the store house of God. The only things on the devil's shelves that even seem to be good are spoiled goods!

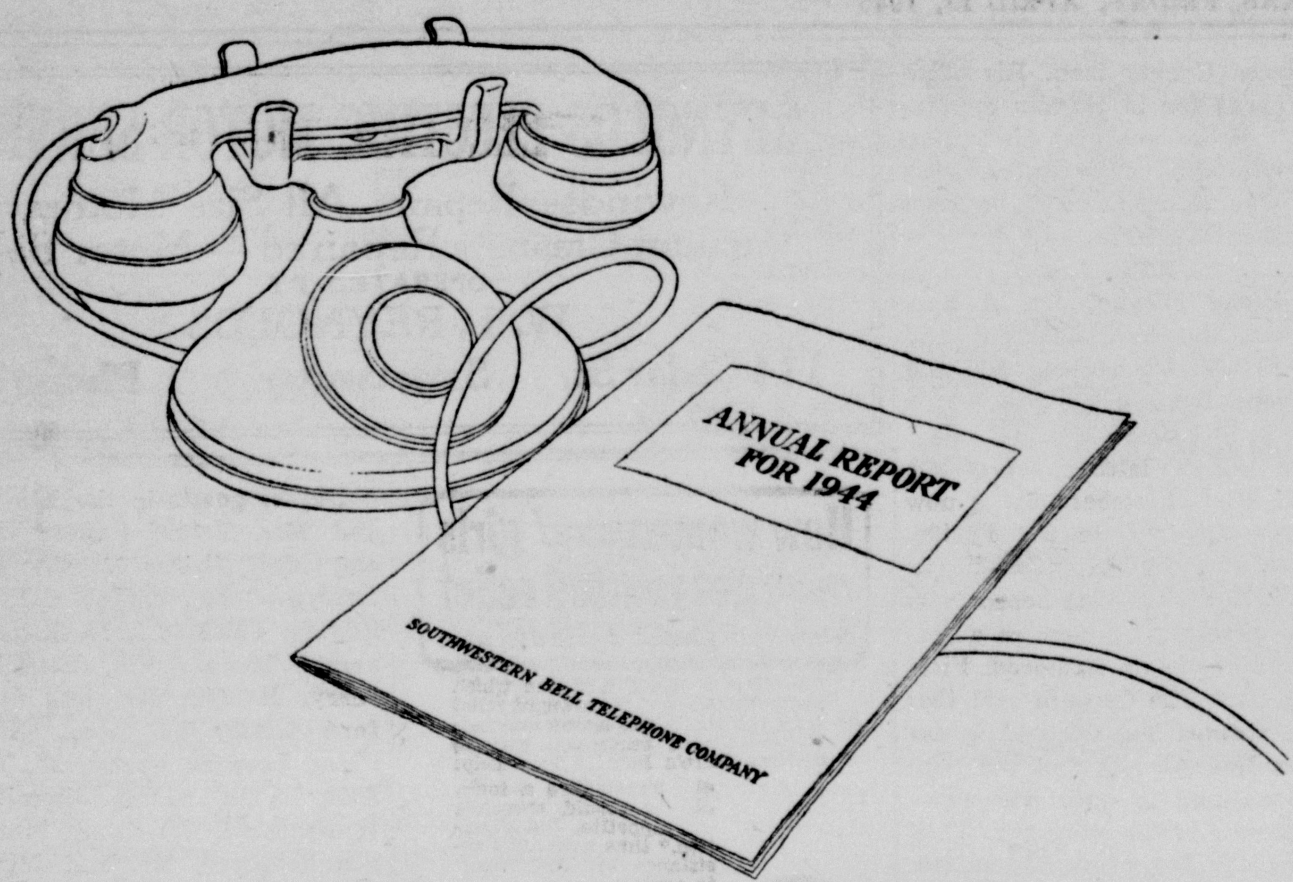
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CHURCH OF CHRIST

HAMLIN, TEXAS

(Adv.)



Telephone high lights of 1944

Our annual report, issued in March, showed 1944 was a busy year. There were more long distance calls than ever before, including thousands of war calls to rush through each day for the army, the navy, and the scores of war industries in our territory.

The demand for telephones was heavy. Service qualifying as essential under government requirements was installed promptly. Other new telephones were installed where instruments, lines, and central office equipment were available.

But still we had a big waiting list. It grew throughout the year because almost all new telephone equipment went to the armed services. At the year's end 187,000 persons were on our waiting list for telephones.

For those who had telephones we did virtually a prewar job of supplying service. Three out of every four long distance calls went through while the calling parties "held the line." Local service stood up

well. The public helped by keeping calls brief and making only necessary calls.

In the eight army general hospitals in the five states served by this company, special equipment was installed to help the wounded and sick soldiers with their telephoning. Attendants were on hand in most army camps and naval stations to help service men and women call home.

On the money side, we didn't do so well. Of course, revenues were up—10 per cent over 1943. But operating costs and taxes climbed even faster—they rose 11 per cent. The return on the company's investment in telephone property was 4.34 per cent—lower than in 1933, the worst depression year.

As long as the fighting goes on, war demands will be met first. But telephone users here at home can depend on the fact that, even in wartime, this company will bend every effort to give them the best service possible.

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE CO.



Card of Thanks

The sad news of the death of our son and brother last week was made lighter by the many expressions of sympathy from our friends and our neighbors for which we are truly grateful. We thank you deeply for every token of love and sympathy.
Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Hale,
and Family.

Call 241 and tell us your news.

Card of Thanks

To the people of Plasterco who have so graciously remembered us in our hours of sadness in the loss of our wife and mother, may we express our sincere appreciation and gratitude. May God's blessings be upon each and everyone of you.
Clem A. Brown and Children.

Don't turn to drink to drown your sorrows; you'll only irritate them.

Miss Virginia Cozen, of Happy, Texas, came down Sunday to visit her sister, Mrs. Albert Haight, and family of East Hamlin. She was accompanied by her brother, Starkey, of Tulia. Miss Cozen is operating a beauty shop in Happy, between Tulia and Canyon.

Mrs. Arthur Arrant, of Sweetwater, spent the past Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. L. S. Magee.

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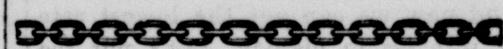
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Mrs. H. O. Cassle, Jr., and little son, Freddie, of Youngstown, Ohio, are here to visit her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Cassle. Her husband, Lt. (jg) H. O. Cassle, is with the Amphibious Forces in the Pacific.

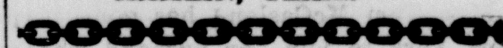


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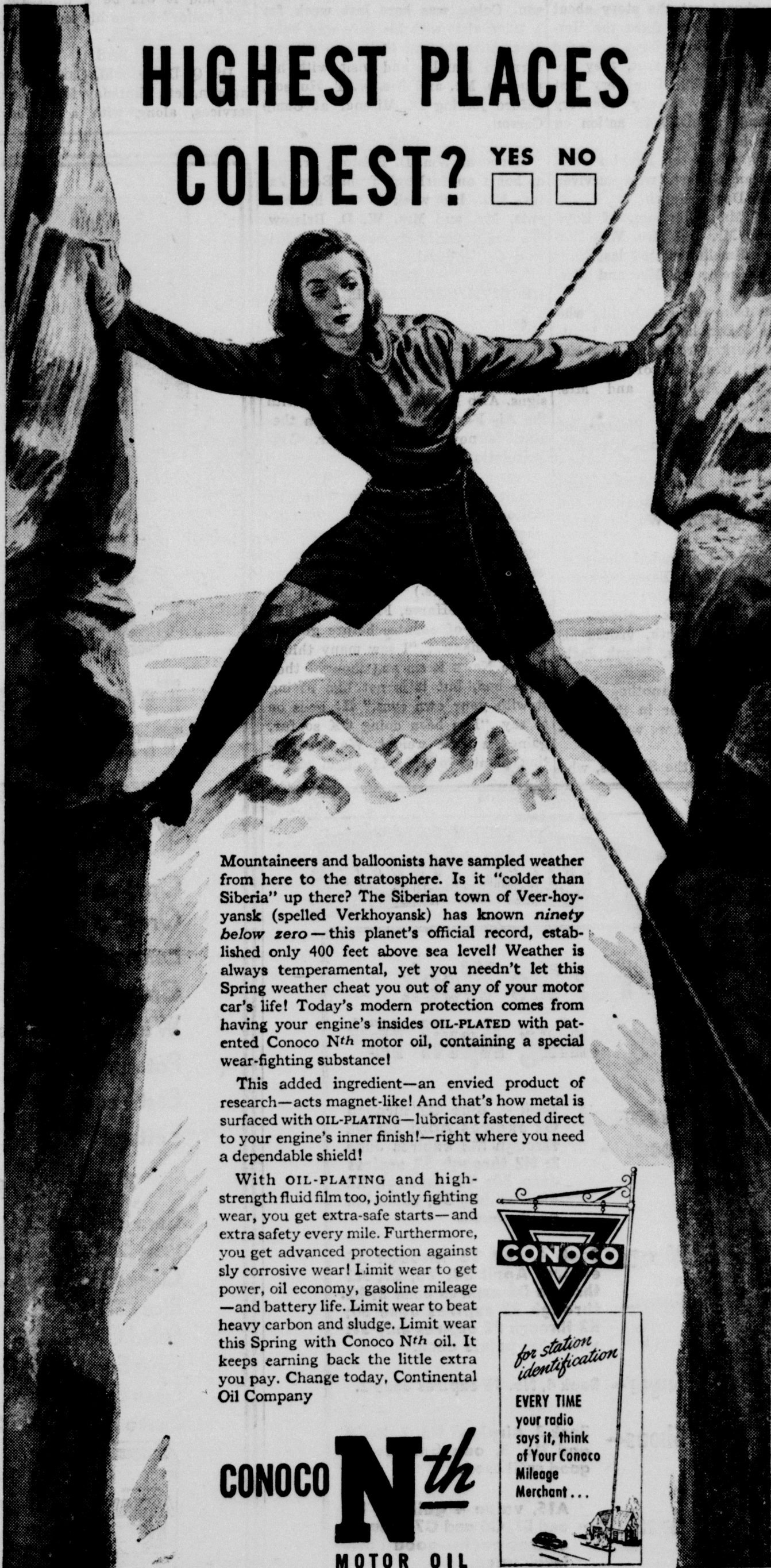
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POT-SHOTS FROM McCauley

BY GEO DARDEN

About the most lonesome job this scribe ever had was last Saturday when we held the trustee election. Nineteen persons turned out and voted, compared with 80 voters last year. C. D. Jones and Edwrad Lawliss were re-elected.

J. O. Jones, for many years a resident of this community but now living near Lamesa, underwent major surgery in Dallas last week. His condition is reported as improved. At his bedside were his sons, Clifford and Loui of Lamesa, and C. D. of McCauley, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nall of Hamlin, and Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Miers of Lubbock, all of whom have returned to their homes with the exception of his daughters, Mrs. Nall and Mrs. Miers.

We need to vote bonds for a Gym and science hall more than we need new school busses. We won't need any busses if we don't build up our school. Taxes won't be raised one penny, we are reliably informed; And now we can get the lowest rate of interest in history. Let's put the bond issue over and then think about school busses. The McCauley Independent School District is in tip-top condition, financially. Why not promote instead of—demote?

Mrs. Tom McCasland has gone to New York to join her husband who is in the Navy.

Ripley should get the story about Doyle and Rex Jones from the Herald last week. Both boys attended McCauley school; in fact, they are graduates of M.H.S. Our very best wishes for their speedy recovery from wounds received in action on the battle field.

Our hats off to the Hamlin hero, Cpl. Norman Gilbert, who survived the Bataan Death March.

Mr. and Mrs. Bingham, of Boyd Chapel, and Mr. and Mrs. Wes Niedeken, of Hamlin, visited last Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Rogers.

Patients from this community who were in a Rotan hospital for treatment last week were Mary Lou Maberry, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Maberry, and Mrs. Charley Elvens.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pickron, of Hamlin, visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jackson last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Beach Jones, from Neinda, visited their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Webb, last Sunday.

A good crowd attended the singing at the McCauley Baptist Church last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jackson, Jr., and son, of Fort Worth, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jackson in McCauley last week.

Virgil Reynolds is another owner of a new Ford tractor in this community. (We told you we would mention it, Virgil.)

Louis Hopkins of the Seabees, who

has been overseas for two years, visited friends in McCauley last week.

Cpl. Albert Gallaway, Jr., was at home from his training base at Bryan, on a short leave last week.

J. B. Jayroe writes his mother that he has been promoted to Staff Sergeant. Congratulations!

Pfc. Howard Miers is home on leave from Florida. He and Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Miers, Mrs. Joe Miers, and little Jamie Wall visited relatives at Lamesa last week end.

Mrs. (Granny) Gill from East Texas spent the week end with Mrs. Bertha Gregg in McCauley.

From all reports, the wheat crops in these parts are "blowed up." Farmers who made a survey of the wheat crop in this vicinity last Monday found that rust will prevent a crop. Some farmers will graze the wheat and others will plow it up and plant in grain sorghums.

More Soldier News

(Continued From Page Two)

Lt. and Mrs. Earl C. Misener are parents of a son, Robert Earl, weight 7 pounds and 10 ounces, born Wednesday, April 4, in Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene. Lt. Misener, who is stationed at Camp Carson, Colo., was here last week for a brief visit with his wife and baby. Mrs. Misener and little son will return to Hamlin and visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Hudson, before joining Lt. Misener at Camp Carson.

S&S

Corporal Wm. D. Bristow, Jr. was at home on furlough from Boca Raton, Fla., last week to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Bristow. He was recently promoted from Private to Corporal.

S&S

RECEIVE PROMOTIONS

It is now Lt. (jg) Stanley Wilson and Lt. (jg) Herchell Prindle. Both of these men, serving in the Pacific, were recently promoted from Ensigns. Also Frank Hillier, a pilot with the Air Forces in the European theater, is now Captain Hillier. Congratulations!

S&S

Sgt. Weldon J. Hudson wrote Ye Editor and Mrs. Pope from "Somewhere in Germany" on March 30, saying, "Well, there is not much to write about but a lot, too." (And we bet that's true.) Weldon said he landed at LeHarve, France, and had seen a lot of country before getting into Germany. "I saw many things in the News Reels and thought they were bad, but it is not like seeing it with your own eyes." He goes on to say, "I've been doing OK so far, gained a little weight. We are getting plenty to eat... 1 pkge. cigar-

rettes, 1 bar candy, 1 stick gum and matches per day, and our PX supplies once per week such things as soap, razor blades, shaving cream, and other articles we need. We get 'Hot Meals' almost every day... I will be glad to get my papers. I have only gotten one since I landed and it was the first of Jan. They tell me several of the boys have been killed lately—sorry to hear that. I have not seen any of the boys from home, yet. Just tell everybody 'Hello' for me.—Sgt. Weldon Hudson."

S&S

S/SGT. GARLAND R. PRESTON RECEIVES DECORATIONS IN ETO

Staff Sgt. Garland R. Preston, a Hamlin boy with the 493rd Bombardment Group in Europe, is named in a list of men who were awarded the Air Medal from Headquarters of the 3rd Air Division in March "for meritorious achievement, etc. against the enemy." Also on March 22, he was awarded the oak leaf cluster to the Air Medal.

S&S

Lieut. Lester Morton seems to be doing pretty well in the Philippines. He wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Morton, that he had been leading his squadron on bombing missions. It would appear that he has seen the China Coast. Glad to hear he is still sailing 'em high.

S&S

Mrs. L. S. Magee left Wednesday for Portsmouth, N. H., to visit with her son, Coy Magee, who is a Navy boy. This is a nice trip for Mrs. Magee and it will be a treat for the "old sailor" to see his mother before going to sea again.

S&S

Dr. Q. Don Gould, Chiropractor of Hamlin, left Thursday for the armed services, along with a number of

other Jones County men. His office will be cared for in Hamlin on certain days of the week, by his father, Dr. Q. D. Gould, of Stamford. His formal announcement will be seen elsewhere in this issue.

S&S

A/C Elmer Feagan, Jr., of Norman, Okla., was here Saturday and Sunday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Feagan.

S&S

Ensign Milton Fletcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fletcher, Jr., is now serving on an LST in the Pacific.

S&S

Mrs. N. E. Stewart has heard from her son, directly and through a former captain of an Armored Field Artillery unit. The Captain said that Pvt. Joe Stewart had suffered an ear injury on November 9, and had been hospitalized and to date had never been returned to his company. Then on March 18, Joe wrote his mother that he was doing fine, was with a new company, and was in no danger.

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H. O. CASSLE

Mrs. Leon Rogers was able to be returned from an Abilene hospital to the home of her father-in-law, W. E. Rogers, but she is still unable to walk.

Mrs. Floyd Bevels who has been in the Rotan hospital was able to return home Tuesday.

There is more truth in the statement that fine birds make fine feathers than in the statement that fine feathers make fine birds.

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Dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rogers were Mr. and Mrs. Theron Rogers and son Larry, of San Diego, Calif.; Bur Rogers, Lamesa; Leon Rogers, Sander, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Faulkenberry, Hamlin; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Kinsey and sons, Billie and Claud Leonard, Crane; Mr. and Mrs. John Battle and son, Jimmie, Alde Washington; Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Faulkenberry, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Crowley and daughter, Janice, at P. Barnes, of McCauley; Mrs. Jewel Brown and daughter, Carolyn Lamesa; Mrs. Timothy Tanner at Mrs. Harvey Barnes, Morton; Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Faulkenberry and daughter, Topsy, Hamlin; and Mr. Cecil Rider and daughter, Judy, California.

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Oranges California	Lb. 9¢
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Winesap Apples	Lb. 13¢
Potatoes New York Cotahdins	Lb. 5 1/2¢
East Texas Yams	Lb. 10¢
Lettuce Arizona Crisp, Green	Lb. 13¢

Airway Coffee

Corn Highway (20 Points)	No. 2 Can 14¢	Flour Gold Medal Kitchen Tested	10-Lb. Bag 57¢
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Clapps Foods Chopped	Reg. Can 9¢	Ivory Soap	3 Lbs. 29¢
Rice Blue Rose Cello Pack	1-Lb. Pkg. 11¢	Ivory Soap	Med. Bar 6¢
Salad Oil Jewel (12 Points)	Qt. 50¢	Camay Soap	3 Reg. Bars 19¢
Cane Sugar	5-Lb. Bag 33¢	Palmolive Toilet Soap	3 Reg. Bars 19¢
Fresh Eggs Select in Cartons	Doz. 33¢	Oxydol Washing Powder	24-Oz. Pkg. 23¢
Hemo The Way to Drink Your Vitamins and Like 'Em	1-Lb. Jar 59¢	Borax 20 Mule Team	10-Oz. Pkg. 11¢

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Airway Coffee	2 1-Lb. Pkgs. 41¢
Nob Hill Coffee	1-Lb. Pkg. 23¢
Canterbury Tea	1/4-Lb. Pkg. 23¢
Pennant Tea	1/4-Lb. Pkg. 18¢

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Bread Dated, Enriched	24-Oz. Loaf	¢
Flour Kitchen Craft Finest Quality	10-Lb. Bag	45¢
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Sliced Bologna (4 Pts.)	Lb. 29¢
Frankfurters Skinless (6 Points)	Lb. 32¢
Baked Loaves Assorted (4 Points)	Lb. 29¢
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Spiced Luncheon (8 Pts.)	Lb. 48¢

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Lb. 28¢

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For the Week Beginning April 15th

Processed Foods— Book 4, blue C2 through G2 expires April 28; H2 through M2 expires June 2; N2 through S2 expires June 30; T2 through X2 expires July 31; value ten points each.

Meats and Fats— Book 4, red T5 through X5 expires April 28; Y5, Z5, A2 through D2 expires June 2; E2 through J2 expires June 30; K2 through P2 expires July 31; value ten points each.

Sugar— Book 4, No. 35 expires June 2.

Shoes— Book 3, Airplane No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3, one pair each; good until used.

Gasoline— A15, value 4 gallons; B6 and B7, C6 and C7, value 5 gallons each—good until invalidated.

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